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On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Joint Communiqué of the Seventh Regional Summit on the Conflict in Burundi (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Joint Communiqué of the Seventh Regional Summit on the Conflict in Burundi issued on 23 January 1999

1. At the invitation of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of the Republic of Uganda and President Benjamin William Mkapa of the United Republic of Tanzania, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Arusha Initiative on the Burundi peace process, respectively, President Daniel Arap Moi of the Republic of Kenya; President Pasteur Bizimungu of the Republic of Rwanda; Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; Minister for Foreign Affairs S. K. Walubita, representing President Frederick Chiluba of the Republic of Zambia; and Minister of State V. Mpoyo, representing President Laurent Kabila of the Democratic Republic of Congo, attended the Seventh Regional Summit on the Conflict in Burundi, held at Arusha on 23 January 1999.

2. Also participating in the Regional Summit were the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, and the Facilitator of the Burundi peace process, Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere.

3. The Facilitator of the Burundi peace process, Mwalimu Nyerere, briefed the Regional Summit on the positive developments in his efforts to facilitate a negotiated solution to the Burundi conflict and, in particular, on the progress in the Burundi peace negotiations taking place in Arusha.

4. The Regional Summit was also briefed by the Head of State of Burundi, Major Pierre Buyoya, on various measures taken in relation to the decisions of the preceding Regional Summits on the creation of an environment conducive to negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Burundi.

5. The Regional Summit reviewed the political situation in Burundi and the developments in the Burundi peace negotiations. It expressed its satisfaction over the positive progress achieved so far. In this regard, it decided to suspend all the remaining sanctions imposed by the countries of the Great Lakes region on Burundi. The decision has been taken in the spirit of giving further impetus to the Burundi peace negotiations under the guidance of Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere.

6. The Regional Summit called on all parties to sustain the momentum of the Burundi peace negotiations until the conclusion of a final peace accord that would guarantee the restoration of lasting peace, genuine democracy and security for all.

7. The countries of the region will closely monitor the rate of progress in the Burundi peace negotiations over the coming few months. In this regard, the Regional Summit decided that the suspension of sanctions will be subject to review based on the progress made in the negotiations.

8. The Regional Summit commended the countries of the region for their commitment and determination to work together for a peaceful and negotiated

resolution of the Burundi conflict as well as for their firm support for and cooperation with the efforts of the Facilitator in his endeavour.

9. The Regional Summit expressed its appreciation to the international community for its support to the Burundi peace process and urged it to continue that support until the end of the process. The Regional Summit further urged the international community to be prepared to resume regular development assistance to Burundi as soon as a peace settlement has been reached at Arusha.

10. The Seventh Regional Summit expressed its appreciation to President Benjamin Mkapa, the people and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting the Summit and for the cordial reception and hospitality accorded to the Heads of delegations.